IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GOPALAKRISHNA TAMADA

Writ Petition No.13809 of 2000

Dated: 20-06-2007

Between:

1. Gattupalli Singal Reddy Konda Reddy, s/o Konda Reddy and 2 others.

... Petitioners

and

1. The Special Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition),
   Somasila Project,
   Atmakur,
   Nellore District and 9 others.

... Respondents

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a *mandamus* to declare the in action of respondents in not passing the awards and in not paying the compensation to petitioners for the lands acquired by the Government, even after the inordinate delay of more than three years of the submersion of the lands under the waters of Somasila Project, as illegal and arbitrary and consequently direct respondents to complete

the land acquisition proceedings including payment of compensation without any further delay.

2. A counter affidavit is filed on behalf of the Land Acquisition Officer, who is arrayed as first respondent. In the counter affidavit it is admitted that there was a notification issued under Section 4(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, 1884 (for short, 'the Act') but however, no award was passed in time as provided for under the Act and as such, the said notification got lapsed and respondents are issuing a fresh notification proposing to acquire the lands under the Act.

3. In the light of the same, the relief sought for in this writ petition no more survives and accordingly the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

If a fresh notification is already issued, respondents are hereby directed to complete the said proceedings and pay compensation as provided for under the Act. If for any reason, no such notification has been issued, respondents are specifically directed to issue fresh notification under Section 4(1) of the Act, as proposed by them, forthwith and complete the proceedings at the earliest.

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JUSTICE GOPALAKRISHNA TAMADA

Dt.20-06-2007
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